

AMENDMENTS TO THE CLAIMS:

The listing of claims will replace all prior versions, and listings, of claims in the application:

LISTING OF CLAIMS:

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19. (Original) A method of manufacturing a cardiac harness, comprising:
providing a flat sheet of conductive material;
etching at least one spring member out of the conductive material; and
coating the etched spring member with a dielectric material.

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30. (Original) A method of manufacturing a cardiac harness, comprising:
providing a metallic wire;
covering the wire with a dielectric material; and
forming the wire into a plurality of spring members.
31. (Original) The method of Claim 30, wherein said covering comprises:
introducing a fluid into a tube; and
sliding the tube over the wire.
32. (Original) The method of Claim 31, wherein said introducing comprises
introducing a solvent.
33. (Original) The method of Claim 31, wherein said sliding comprises sliding
said tube onto a leader portion of said wire and sliding said tube from the leader portion
onto a harness portion of said wire comprised of said spring members arranged in a first
configuration.

34. (Original) The method of Claim 33, wherein said sliding onto said harness portion comprises changing the shape of the spring members by straightening the harness portion of the wire, said method further comprising substantially returning the shape of the spring members to substantially said first configuration.

35. (Original) The method of Claim 30, wherein said dielectric material comprises silicone.

36. (Original) The method of Claim 30, wherein the wire is formed into the spring members prior to being covered with dielectric material.

37. (Original) The method of Claim 36, wherein said covering comprises:
applying the dielectric material to the wire such that the wire is insulated by the dielectric material; and
removing excess dielectric material from the wire so that the shape of the dielectric material generally follows the shape of the spring members.

38. (Original) The method of Claim 37, wherein said removing comprises laser cutting said dielectric material.

39. (Original) The method of Claim 37, wherein said dielectric material comprises silicone.

40. (Original) The method of Claim 30, wherein the wire is coated with the dielectric material prior to being formed into a plurality of spring members.

41. (Original) A method of manufacturing a cardiac harness, comprising:
providing a flat sheet of conductive material;
etching at least one spring member out of the conductive material; and
coating the etched spring member with a dielectric material.

42. (Original) The method of Claim 41, wherein said coating comprises:

applying the dielectric material to the etched spring member such that the etched spring member is insulated by the dielectric material; and

removing excess dielectric material from the etched spring member so that the shape of the dielectric material generally follows the shape of the spring members.

43. (Original) The method of Claim 42, wherein said removing comprises laser cutting said dielectric material.

44. (Original) The method of Claim 42, wherein said dielectric material comprises silicone.

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